

SCOTT COUNTY KICKER

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COOK'S CAMPAIGN BOOK.

Use in every campaign the
and parties prepare what is called
"campaign book" to furnish
for the campaigners so that
spell-binders may spell, the
are orate and the organs grind
getting things mixed. With
this book as a guide some sucker
get off and say that Missouri
the lowest assessment instead of
being, parrot-like, that old chest-
nut Missouri having the "low-
est rate." He might also get
the debt proper" mixed up
the amount we owe the school

Secretary of State Sam B. Cook is
preparing the campaign book for the
democratic side and, although it is
ridiculous that he has not seen it, the
editor of the Bloomfield Vindicator
says the book will contain "a clear
and concise statement of the man-
agement of State affairs under Demo-
cratic rule, and show clearly that
the affairs of this State have been
admirably managed."

Would it be asking too much of
the Vindicator to inquire if this book
will contain the testimony of Sam
Cook in the Cardwell case, in which
Mr. Cook admitted that the Demo-
cratic State committee obtained a
share of its campaign funds
from private and public service
connections? Or, will it contain the
testimony of ex-Gov. Stephens who
testified that Sam B. Cook lobbied
through the legislature the so-called
"Breeders bill" for which he was
paid a "fee" after the Governor's
signature was attached?

Will this "clear and concise" book
contain the testimony of Arthur
Roselle, who swore that the Demo-
crats paid him \$1,000 for his treach-
ery to the Populists in 1896, and as
a further reward, made him Labor
Commissioner of Missouri?

Will this book give the "clear and
concise" facts about the Democratic
bosses paying Judge North, the
Populist candidate for Appellate
Judge in 1898, \$1,000 to withdraw
and thereby give Judge Bland a clear
right-of-way to the Appellate court
bench? Will this book tell us that,
as a further reward for his treachery
to the Populists, Judge North was
made reporter of the Appellate court
of St. Louis, to which Judge Bland
was elected?

Will this "clear and concise" book
tell us anything about the contribu-
tion of six thousand dollars to the
Democratic committee by Judge
Priest, and the subsequent creation
by the Missouri legislature of the St.
Louis Street Railway Monopoly with
Judge Priest as its general attorney?
Will it tell us of the influence that
caused the passage of the "pure food
law" in the interest of the baking
powder trust? Will it tell us why
Senator Orchard pocketed a bill to
repeal that law and carried it off
home ten days before the legislature
adjourned, in order to prevent its
repeal?

Will this "clear and concise" book
tell us why the legislature passed a
franchise tax law that wouldn't tax,
after refusing to pass one that would
tax? Will it tell us why the com-
promise with the brewers was made
after the brewers had lost in all the
courts? Will it tell why the State
convention of 1900 denounced trusts
and corporations and then selected
Bill Phelps, the greatest corporation
representative in the State, as a dele-
gate-at-large to the National con-
vention?

The law requires that the Excise
Commissioner of St. Louis be a citi-
zen of St. Louis. Will this "clear and
concise" book explain why Jas. M.
Seibert was imported into St. Louis
and made "temporary" excise com-
missioner until he became "natural-
ized," and then appointed perma-
nently at a salary of \$12,000 a year
and "trimmings"? Will it tell us
why the State administration in-
formed a man for mayor of St. Louis
last spring who had only a few
months before voted for McKinley
and Flory?

Will this "clear and concise" book
tell us why the Supreme court upset
the amendment to the constitution
to relieve tax-payers from paying
taxes on their debts after the people
had voted it by a majority greater
than the majority for any man or
measure? Will it tell us why the
same court held that the secrecy of
the ballot is of more importance
than the honesty of the ballot in the
St. Louis election contest cases? Etc.,
etc., etc., ad lib.

Say, Bro. Connolly, a man so close
to the State administration as your-
self ought to be in a position to
answer these questions, and a "clear
and concise" reply will be much ap-
preciated.
—A. H. Wright, editor.
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A SLAP AT INJUNCTION.

"Government by injunction" is re-
ceiving the attention of Congress.
The readiness with which court
judges always come to the rescue of
employers in all contests between
capital and labor is so pronounced
that Congress proposes to take a
hand in the matter.

The house committee on judiciary
has reported favorably a bill which
provides that no agreement, combi-
nation or contract by or between
two or more persons to do or pro-
cure to be done, or not to do or pro-
cure to be done, any act in con-
templation or furtherance of any
trade dispute between employers or
employees shall be deemed criminal,
nor shall those engaged therein be
indictable or otherwise punishable
for the crime or conspiracy if such
act committed by one person would
not be punishable as a crime, nor
shall such agreement, combination
or contract be considered as in re-
straint of trade or commerce, nor
shall any restraining order or in-
junction be issued with relation
thereto.

This bill was amended in the Sen-
ate as to call forth the opposition of
organized labor, and it would be ex-
pecting too much to anticipate that
the House of Representatives would per-
mit such a measure to become law.
However, the fact that the matter is
before Congress at all is encouraging,
for it proves that even a Republican
Congress is not blind to the tyranny
of our higher courts toward the
laboring man.

This is only one of the many hope-
ful signs of the emancipation of the
man who works for wages. It is the
brutality of such men as Judge Baker
of the Federal court, that has forced
Congress to take action. Not satis-
fied with instructing the scabs who
were taking the places of strikers to
carry arms, this corporation judge
inflicted a perpetual judgment.

"I want you to change your bill of
complaint," Judge Baker said to Mr.
Hatch, the corporation attorney. "I
want you to include in it a prayer
for damages. It does not matter
whether these men have any property
or not. I will appoint a special
master to fix the damages, and, if
you secure judgments against these
strikers, officers can, if they are
caught in bed, take away their cloth-
ing. They can have no property that
will be exempt under the State law.
The judgment will keep them in in-
solvent as long as they live, or until
the judgment is paid."

SMELL THE PATCHIN'.

As stated in our last issue, the
Democrats of Kansas City adopted a
municipal ownership platform and
swept the city. This has caused the
Democratic bosses in the State to do
some thinking and in an interview,
last week, Gov. Dockery expressed
himself thusly:

"The election in Kansas City em-
phasizes warmly the notice which I
now give to public service corpora-
tions, to keep out of politics and not
attempt to control conventions,
primaries or elections. Democrats
favor a system of laws which will
fully conserve the interests of labor,
while at the same time dealing justly
with capital."

Gov. Dockery's utterances sound
all right, but when we take into con-
sideration the fact that Secretary of
State Sam B. Cook admitted under
oath that the campaign fund which
elected Governor Dockery and his
associates was extorted from public
service and private corporations, the
Governor's utterances must be taken
with a grain of salt.

Sam Cook was chairman of the
State committee that managed the
Dockery campaign. He ought to
know. Among other things he testi-
fied: "We got \$6,000 from H. S.
Priest; \$2,100 from W. H. Phelps;
\$2,500 from the brewers; several
thousand from John Carroll," etc.

Yes, public ownership is growing
and even St. Louis is talking about
putting in municipal lighting plants.
The gang in Missouri are begin-
ning to smell the patchin'.

OH, HO! OH, HO!
St. Louis city is independent of St.
Louis county. The Nesbit law, the
police machine and the Butler Indians
do not extend beyond the city limits.
Clayton is the county seat of St.
Louis county, and the Democrats of
St. Louis county held their conven-
tion at Clayton last week to select
delegates to the State, Judicial and
Appellate court conventions.

THE STATE SCHOOL FUND.

It does seem that the administra-
tion organs could afford to be fair
with the people regarding the condi-
tion of the State school "fund."
That this "fund" consists of certifi-
cates of indebtedness is proven by
the official manual and is known to
every citizen at all informed. Will
some organ please quote the market
price of these certificates of debt?

Whether or not there was mis-
management in the handling of this
fund is another question. As we un-
derstand it, the school money was
originally invested in government
bonds. These bonds were sold and
the proceeds used in cancelling out-
standing State bonds. To fill up
the hole in the school fund certifi-
cates of indebtedness were issued by
the State.

While this transaction may not
have been altogether regular, and is,
perhaps, in violation of the State
constitution, yet the school money
belonged to the people and the debt
cancelled with this money was a debt
owed by the people, and if it can be
shown that the amount of debt can-
celled corresponds with the amount
of school money used, we fail to see
where anyone has been injured, nor
would it be fair to assume that the
men who managed the transfer did
not act in good faith.

And instead of trying to cram it
down the throats of the people that
"Missouri has the largest school fund
of any State in the union," the ad-
ministration organs may as well
buckle down to the truth. There is
no school fund that is at all avail-
able. We owe it to ourselves. And
if it can be shown that a dollar of
State debt was cancelled for every
dollar taken from the school fund,
then we fail to see that any injury
has been done.

MISSIONARIES, COME HOME!

In the divorce suit of Bernard
Wolfken against Minnie Wolfken, be-
fore Judge Talty, the plaintiff claims
his wife bought an infant child from
an Olive street establishment and
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HE GOT HIS DOSE.

It's a long lane that has no turn.
Four years ago the people wanted J.
H. Whitecotton as speaker of the
House of Representatives. The lobby
didn't want him—neither did the
State House Ring. In fact, the lobby
and the State House Ring are one.

A few days before the convening of
the legislature of 1898 it seemed that
Whitecotton would win in a walk.
The members of the House that re-
presented the people were for White-
cotton—and they were in majority.
The lobby and the ring were alarm-
ed. Heroic efforts had to be resorted
to—and the gang is always equal to
any and every emergency. The tele-
graph wires and the free passes were
put in operation and every available
administration "rooter" from every
county in the State was requested to
"come quick."

They came; they saw; they con-
quered! It was anything to beat
Whitecotton. So, by combining their
forces and picking an "easy mark"
for the lobby, they succeeded in land-
ing W. J. Ward, of Stoddard county,
in the speaker's chair by working the
"home man" racket on the South-
east delegation. If you doubt the
KICKER, ask Representative Lon B.
Williams.

In the primary that closed in Stod-
dard county on April 5th this same
man W. J. Ward was a candidate for
collector of the revenue. Out of
some 3,000 votes cast in the county
the ex-Speaker of the House of Rep-
resentatives received 47. At his own
precinct (Idalia) he received not a
vote. At Bloomfield, the county seat,
he received three votes. At Dexter,
the largest town in the county, he
received three votes.

The Democrats of Stoddard county
deserve the applause of the nation.

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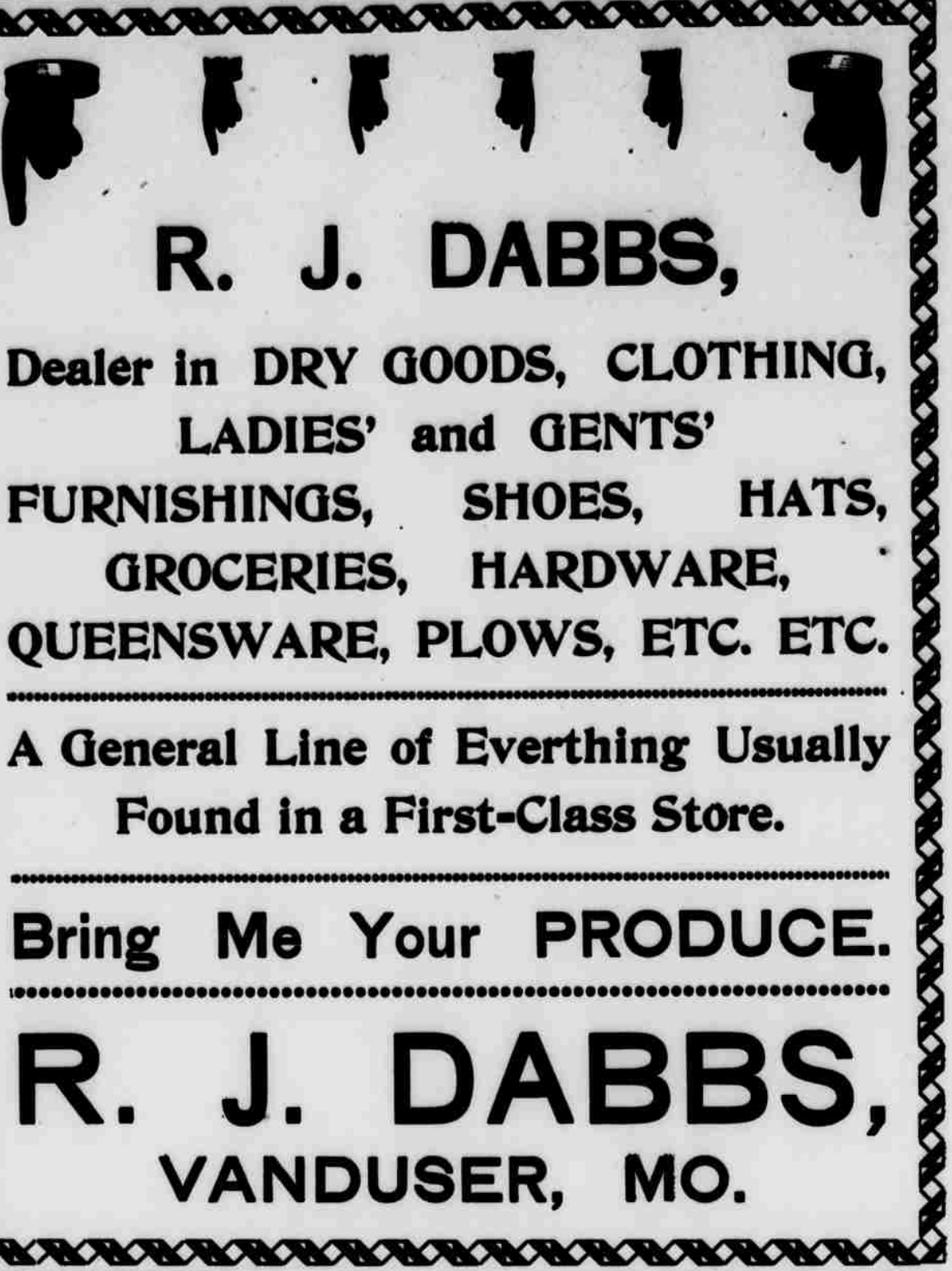
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Most Curious Letter
The most curious letter which has
probably been written and received in
the course of the Boer war has just
been safely delivered by the postal
authorities of the country. It was
written on an ordinary square of army
"hard tack," the address and stamp
being placed on one side and the com-
munication on the other, the biscuit
being thus transferred for the nonce
into a post-card. Paper, it appears,
was scarce at the camp where the
writer was on duty, whence the pe-
culiar requisitioning of the army
"cracker" which has reflected so elo-
quently the effectiveness of the baker.

Show Little Confidence.
So little confidence is there in Tur-
kish post office employees that, when
some time ago opportunity was given
to send packages and registered let-
ters, only one of each was received at
Stambul in ten days.

An Ancient Loaf of Bread.
A notable recent contribution to
the archaeological museum of the
University of Arizona is a loaf of
bread found in a cave dwelling in the
Superstition mountains of central
Arizona in 1879, and since that time
in the possession of Herbert Brown,
superintendent of the territorial pri-
son. The loaf is undeniably bread,
and without a doubt is of great age.
It was found imbedded in the ashes
wherein it was baked probably hun-
dreds or perhaps thousands of years
ago. It had very plainly been wrapped
in a cloth or mat, and the marks of the
fiber of the cloth are visible in the
dark, brick-like mass. Mr. Brown is
of the opinion that the bread was
made of mesquite beans.